

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A method for accessing calendar information of users in a database for presentation by a personal information manager, comprising:

maintaining scheduled event records for users within the database, including a given user;
maintaining information for the given user on shadowed events for a tracked entity that are part of the tracked entity's scheduled event records, wherein the tracked entity was selected by the given user;

providing from the database scheduled event records for the given user and information on shadowed events of at least one tracked entity, wherein the scheduled event records of the given user are capable of being scheduled at calendar times that overlap with scheduled shadowed events for the at least one tracked entity;

displaying information on the provided scheduled event records and shadowed events for a time period in a view in response to displaying the given user's scheduled event records;

receiving selection from the given user to add a selected shadowed event to the given user's scheduled event records;

enabling the user to select from the view to add the tracked entity's scheduled event record comprising the selected shadowed event to the given user's scheduled event records in the database, wherein the scheduled event record from the tracked entity added to the given user's scheduled event records are displayed as part of the given user's scheduled event records; and

generating a conflict signal if scheduled event records for one user are scheduled for overlapping calendar times, and wherein the conflict signal is not generated if at least one shadowed event record and scheduled event record for which the information is displayed are scheduled for overlapping calendar times.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

displaying information on the shadowed events in a different manner than information on the scheduled event records for the time period is displayed.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the information on the shadowed events is displayed as transparent text and the information on the scheduled events are displayed as solid text.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein information on the shadowed events and scheduled event records are displayed in different calendar panel views.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
displaying further information on the shadowed event in response to user selection of the shadowed event.

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7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
displaying the information on the selected shadowed event as a scheduled event record.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
if the selected shadowed event is scheduled for a calendar time overlapping a calendar time of a scheduled event record, then overriding the scheduled event record for the overlapping time period with the selected shadowed event.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the scheduled shadowed event is an event for which payment must be received in order to attend the scheduled shadowed event.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising:
displaying information enabling the user to selectively submit payment in order to attend the scheduled shadowed event.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the shadowed event is a member of a set of events comprising: a theatrical production; movie; sporting event; entertainment; and public speaking engagement.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
maintaining a list of users in the database for which scheduled event records are maintained; and

providing one shadowed event to each user in the list, wherein information on the provided shadowed event is displayed by each user on the list when displaying the user information on the scheduled event records and scheduled events.

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25. (Previously Presented) A system for accessing calendar information comprising:
a computer database;

means for maintaining scheduled event records for users within the database, including a given user;

means for maintaining information for the given user on shadowed events for a tracked entity that are part of the tracked entity's scheduled event records, wherein the tracked entity was selected by the given user;

means for providing from the database scheduled event records for the given user and information on shadowed events of at least one tracked entity, wherein the scheduled event records of the given user are capable of being scheduled at calendar times that overlap with scheduled shadowed events for the at least one tracked entity;

means for displaying information on the provided scheduled event records and shadowed events for a time period in a view in response to displaying the given user's scheduled event records;

means for receiving selection from the given user to add a selected shadowed event to the user scheduled event records;

means for enabling the user to select from the view to add the tracked entity's scheduled event record comprising the selected shadowed event to the given user's scheduled event records in the database, wherein the scheduled event record from the tracked entity added to the given user's scheduled event records are displayed as part of the given user's scheduled event records; and

means for generating a conflict signal if scheduled event records for one user are scheduled for overlapping calendar times, and wherein the conflict signal is not generated if at least one shadowed event record and scheduled event record for which the information is displayed are scheduled for overlapping calendar times.

26. (Original) The system of claim 25, further comprising:

means for displaying information on the shadowed events in a different manner than information on the scheduled event records for the time period is displayed.

27. (Original) The system of claim 26, wherein the information on the shadowed events is displayed as transparent text and the information on the scheduled events are displayed as solid text.

28. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein information on the shadowed events and scheduled event records are displayed in different calendar panel views.

29. (Original) The system of claim 25, further comprising:

means for displaying further information on the shadowed event in response to user selection of the shadowed event.

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31. (Original) The system of claim 25, further comprising:
means for displaying the information on the selected shadowed event as a scheduled event record.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25, further comprising:
means for overriding one scheduled event record overlapping a calendar time of one selected shadowed event.

33. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the scheduled shadowed event is an event for which payment must be received in order to attend the scheduled shadowed event.

34. (Original) The system of claim 33, further comprising:
means for displaying information enabling the user to selectively submit payment in order to attend the scheduled shadowed event.

35. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 33, wherein the shadowed event is a member of a set of events comprising: a theatrical production; movie; sporting event; entertainment; and public speaking engagement.

36. (Original) The system of claim 25, further comprising:
means for maintaining a list of users in the database for which scheduled event records are maintained; and
means for providing one shadowed event to each user in the list, wherein information on the provided shadowed event is displayed by each user on the list when displaying the user information on the scheduled event records and scheduled events.

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49. (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture including code for accessing calendar information of users in a database for presentation by a personal information manager by:

- maintaining scheduled event records for users within the database, including a given user;
- maintaining information for the given user on shadowed events for a tracked entity that are part of the tracked entity's scheduled event records, wherein the tracked entity was selected by the given user;

- providing from the database scheduled event records for the given user and information on shadowed events of at least one tracked entity, wherein the scheduled event records of the given user are capable of being scheduled at calendar times that overlap with scheduled shadowed events for the at least one tracked entity;

- displaying information on the provided scheduled event records and shadowed events for a time period in a view in response to displaying the given user's scheduled event records;

- receiving selection from the given user to add a selected shadowed event to the given user's scheduled event records;

- enabling the user to select from the view to add the tracked entity's scheduled event record comprising the selected shadowed event to the given user's scheduled event records in the database, wherein the scheduled event record from the tracked entity added to the given user's scheduled event records are displayed as part of the given user's scheduled event records; and

- generating a conflict signal if scheduled event records for one user are scheduled for overlapping calendar times, and wherein the conflict signal is not generated if at least one shadowed event record and scheduled event record for which the information is displayed are scheduled for overlapping calendar times.

50. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 49, further comprising:
displaying information on the shadowed events in a different manner than information on the scheduled event records for the time period is displayed.

51. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 50, wherein the information on the shadowed events is displayed as transparent text and the information on the scheduled events are displayed as solid text.

52. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 49, wherein information on the shadowed events and scheduled event records are displayed in different calendar panel views.

53. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 49, further comprising:
displaying further information on the shadowed event in response to user selection of the shadowed event.

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55. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 49, further comprising:
displaying the information on the selected shadowed event as a scheduled event record.

56. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 49, further comprising:
if the selected shadowed event is scheduled for a calendar time overlapping a calendar time of a scheduled event record, then overriding the scheduled event record for the overlapping time period with the selected shadowed event.

57. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 49, wherein the scheduled shadowed event is an event for which payment must be received in order to attend the scheduled shadowed event.

58. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 57, further comprising:
displaying information enabling the user to selectively submit payment in order to attend
the scheduled shadowed event.

59. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 57, wherein the
shadowed event is a member of a set of events comprising: a theatrical production; movie;
sporting event; entertainment; and public speaking engagement.

60. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 49, further comprising:
maintaining a list of users in the database for which scheduled event records are
maintained; and
providing one shadowed event to each user in the list, wherein information on the
provided shadowed event is displayed by each user on the list when displaying the user
information on the scheduled event records and scheduled events.

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